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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the references cited in the attached PTO/SB/08b Form and, with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications, a copy of each of the cited references is enclosed herewith. Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08A, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

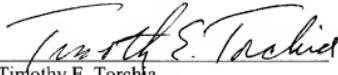
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